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ESSAY on IRISH MUSIC.

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You too, ye Bards, whose sacred raptures fire  
To chaunt your heroes to your country's lyre;  
Who consecrate in your immortal strain  
Brave patriot souls in righteous battle slain;  
Securely now the tuneful task renew,  
And nobler themes in deathless songs pursue.

LUCAN.

THE early ages of every nation are enveloped in dark clouds, impervious to the rays of historic light. An attempt, therefore, (says an ingenious Writer) to trace the arts of Poetry and Music to their source in this, or in any other country, must be unsuccessful: They are coeval with its original inhabitants; for man is both a Poet and Musician by nature. But our business with those arts does not commence till an order of men, who for some time united both characters, appears in the Annals of Ireland. (a)

Irish Historians trace their Music and Bards to a very high antiquity. Whence they were derived is indeed not quite so certain; but it is commonly supposed that the Irish received them from the Milesians, and the Milesians from some parts of the East. It is certain the Druids and Bards had colleges in Ireland prior to the fifth century. The Bards originally received their education from the Druids, who were the priests of those times; whose laws and sciences were conveyed through the medium of Poetry, and recommended by the charms of Music. Their instructions, however, were always oral; neither their policy, nor the superstition of the times, suffering them to be committed

(a) Walker's Hist. Mem. of Irish Bards, P. 1; to which elegant and learned work

to writing; so that the education of a young Bard was seldom completed under a dozen years. These accomplished, he was honoured with a kind of Doctor's degree, called *Oidiam*, supposed sufficiently qualified for all the duties of his office, and sometimes admitted among the Druids.

At this early period the Bards, originally a single order of men, were divided into the following classes, all of which had some concern with Music:

The *Files*, or Poet, whose office it was to turn the precepts of religion into verse—to compose birth-day odes, epithalamiums, martial odes, &c.—to teach their princes—to entertain the chieftains and their guests at public festivals—to animate the army, and raise the cry of war.

“T’ applaud the valiant, and the base controul;  
“Disturb, exalt, enchant the human soul!”

The *Seoche*, or legislative Bard, not only made and administered the laws, but it was his duty to chaunt them to his harp, as he was seated on an eminence in the open air.

The Reader is indebted for most of the following particulars which respect the Bards.

The *Seannach* was antiquarian, genealogist, and historian. He recorded remarkable events, and preserved the genealogy of his patron. Beside the above, there was an inferior order, called *Oisfidh*, or instrumental performers; who were further distinguished by the instruments on which they played.

The *Cantor*, or *Funeral Song*, was a solemn ceremony which accompanied the interment of their chiefs. On this occasion, the officiating Druid having performed the religious rites, and the pedigree of the deceased having been recited by his *Seannach*, the proper Bard sang the *Cantor*, which he accompanied with his harp; being assisted by a chorus of inferior Bards and minstrels, and sometimes a company of women.

The following extract from one of these Elegies, composed on the death of *Cuchullin*, may give an idea of the natural sublimity of these compositions, and will not, it is presumed, be unacceptable to readers of taste and sensibility.

"By the dark rolling waves of Lego, they raised the hero's tomb.—Loath at a distance lies, the companion of Cuchullin at the chase—Bless be thy soul, son of Sema; thou wert mighty in battle—Thy strength was like the strength of a stream; thy speed like the eagle's wing.—Thy path in the battle was terrible: the steps of death were behind thy sword—Bless be thy soul, son of Sema: car-borne chief of *Denfeisick*!

"Thou hast not fallen by the sword of the mighty; neither was thy blood on the spear of the valiant.—The arrow came like the sting of death in a blast: nor did the feeble hand which drew the bow perceive it—Peace to thy soul in thy cave, chief of the Isle of Mist!" (f)

On the establishment of Christianity, the Druids of course vanished, but the Bards remained; and some of them, being converted, sung hymns to the honour of God and his saints. One of these, at least, (*Yacob*), was made a bishop by St. Patrick, in the fifth century, and several others of them commenced clergymen. From this time Music greatly flourished in the Irish churches, inasmuch that in the tenth century, the abbey of Mangret, near Limerick, out of 1500 religious, had

(f) *Magnifier's Death of Cuchullin.*

(g) *Woolsten's Menach. H.*

500 choirs. (c) About this time the clergy introduced the occidental characters of the Romish church, the Irish not appearing to have had any method of musical notation of their own.

Formerly great part of the Irish music was military, and every chief had his peculiar *War Cry*. It has been also supposed that the various invasions to which these people were subject, first gave a melancholic tincture to their Music, and introduced among them the *minor mode*. This arises, however, from an idea that the Music of all countries was originally *major*; an hypothesis that will admit of debate; and it is to be added, that solitude, and various other circumstances, might produce the same effects.

The ancient *Medical Instruments* of the Irish have furnished matter of curious enquiry. (d) The principal were the *Harp* and *Bagpipe*. Of the former they had four varieties, differing in size, form, and number of strings. Indeed, this seems to have been the favourite instrument of many northern nations, and has been supposed to have originated among them. The Irish probably had it from the Milesians, and conveyed it to the Highlanders and Welsh. But it was also well known in the East. Mr. Bruce describes the painting of several he met with in the ruins of ancient Thebes: But we know, from better authority, that it was at a very early period the favourite of the Hebrews. The *Bagpipe*, indeed, was probably a northern instrument, yet not exclusively so; since we find an instrument of this kind among the Greeks, Chinese, and several other nations. Of this instrument there are also varieties; and the large *War Bagpipe* is peculiar to the Highlanders, and well calculated to animate their warlike and ferocious temper: but the Irish *Bagpipe* is smaller, blown by the mouth, and capable of great sweetness and expression.

Among the vocal Music of the Irish a stranger would not expect much excellency, on account of the apparent harshness of the language: There are not wanting, however, advocates for this; who assert, (strange as it may seem) that the Irish is more musical than even the Italian, or any other European language. (e)

The stile of the ancient Irish Music is said by their early writers to have  
(f) *Walker's Irish Bards*, P. 69, and *seq.* Also, *Appendix*, No. I, and VIII.  
(g) *Ibid.* P. 69. \* *See* No. CIV. in the following Collection.

have been enharmonic. If so, it must be in the same sense that Dr. *Bury* explains the term in relation to the Old Enharmonic of the Greek: i. e. without Semitones. (ff)

"The Irish Music is in some degree, (says a native) distinguished from the Music of every other nation by an insidious sweetness, which forces its way irresistibly to the heart." (g) Abstaining something for national partiality, a great degree of excellence must be allowed to the plaintive airs, and a wonderful glee and vivacity to the jigs.

We have hinted, on a former occasion, that the Scots probably derived a great part of their Music from the Irish; (h) and there is reason to think the Welsh were indebted to the same masters.

But to return to our Narrative.—At the revival of literature, the Bards were reduced to two classes; viz. *Historians* and *Shapbooks*; from which last the modern Bards were derived. One of these, *O'Carroll*, flourished with a school of pupils, in the year 1310.

Our Henry VIII. in compliment to the musical fame of Ireland, gave them a harp for their arms, and James I. quartered it with those of France and England.

Several famous Bards flourished in the reign of Elizabeth: But as we know not that any of their Music is preserved, it would afford little entertainment to recite their names.

The present century has produced some eminent Bards.—*Cormac Connors*, (i) (or *Cormac Dall*, i. e. *Blind Cormac*) was born May 1703, in the county of Mayo, of poor parents, and within the first year had the misfortune to lose his sight by the small-pox. He is celebrated for being the author of the *Fair-Valley*; and recited his melancholy narrative much in the manner of cathedral chanting. He was a poet, a harper, and, when young, a fair singer; and was lively, at the age of more than four-score, living near *Dunmore*, in the county of Galway.

But the most eminent of all the modern Bards was the famous *Carolan*, author of a great part of the tunes in the following collection; who therefore claims our particular attention.

(ff) *History of Music*, Vol. I. P. 437.

(g) *Walker's Irish Bards*, P. 69.

(h) *Essay on the Scots Music*, prefixed to the *Caledonian Muse*, P. 2.

*Turlough O'Carolan* (j) was born at *Nobber*, in the county of *Westmeath*, A. D. 1670, on a spot designated from his ancestors, though it has been several ages in other hands. The small-pox, at a very early period, deprived him of his eye-sight, and

"Knowledge at one entrance quite shut out."

But Providence, as in many similar instances, in some degree compensated for this loss, by bestowing on him a fine ear and taste for Music. To this, as himself used quaintly to express it, his eyes were transplanted into his ears.

Our Bard discovered early marks of a musical genius, and at twelve years old he had an instructor for the harp; but, (as often happens) his diligence not keeping pace with his genius, he never excelled as an instrumental performer, and seldom used his instrument but in extempore effusions, or as an accompaniment to his voice; and even this office was frequently supplied by a domestic.

Blindness is no certain defence against love. *Carolan* found this; for pretty early in life he became enamoured with a Miss *Bridget Cruise*, which he said to have first tuned his harp to love, though, in this instance, his love was unsuccessful. An incident with reference to the Lady is related, which shows that the loss of one sense may be the perfection of several others. Our bard's blindness was not only compensated by an ear nicely tuned to harmony, but by an exquisite sensibility in *singing*. In a subsequent part of life, being induced by the superstition of that religion in which he had been educated, and to which he always tenaciously adhered he made a pilgrimage to a celebrated cave, called *St. Patrick's Purgatory*, situated on an island in the county of *Donegal*.—Handing some other pilgrims into the boat, he changed to take the hand of the above Lady, and indistinctly exclaimed, "This is the hand of *Bridget Cruise*;" a circumstance that awakened in full vigour the recollection of his early attachment.

*Carolan's* want of success with the first object of his attachment, did

(j) *Walker's Irish Bards*, *Appendix*, No. V.

(k) *Ibid.*, No. VI.

not cool his passion for the fair sex, and the lust of Miss Cruise was supplied in the embraces of a Miss Mary Maguire; a young Lady of good family, though not remarkable for meekness or economy. At this time, it is supposed, he took a small farm near Moshill, in the county of Leitrim, and erected a little house, where himself and lady enjoyed themselves, and entertained their friends; till, in the sequel, they discovered that neither his genius nor her beauty were sufficient to keep open doors, or supply their table even with the necessaries, and much less the luxuries of life.

This was probably one circumstance that induced Carolan to commence itinerant Bard, and exhibit a genuine representation of Homer's *Demosdani*. He traversed the country on his own horse, attended by a domestic Harper. The doors of the Nobility and Gentry were every where thrown open for his entertainment. He scorned to compose for hire; but his constant custom was to reward his benefactor with a song, made on himself, or a principal branch of the family: Some of the most celebrated of these (and distinguished by the name of the subject) were composed on — Jones, Esq. of Money Glas, in the county of Leitrim—J. Nugent, Esq. of Castle Nugent, Cullinbeg, and his fair sister, Miss Grace Nugent—all which will be found in the following collection. (1)

The occasion of several other of his compositions is remarkable.—Tradition says, that O'Rourke, a powerful and turbulent Irish chieftain, was invited by the politic Elizabeth, queen of England, on a visit to her court. Before he left his native country, he assembled all his vassals and neighbours, and gave them a sumptuous treat at his castle. This event Mr. MacGarran, a gentleman of Leitrim, who possessed a happy talent at ludicrous poetry, made the subject of a song, (2) which Carolan, his contemporary and friend, set to Music; and *Plorannan Rourke*, or O'Rourke's Feast, is left a monument to their joint memory. (3)

A Miss *Fatherlan*, a Protestant lady of the county of Longford, going

(1) See in the following Collection, Numbers I. XIII. LI.

(2) A translation of this song was made by Dean Swift, and is to be found in his Works.

to church one Sunday, met with Carolan going to mass. She gave him an invitation to her house; but the Bard, with his usual gallantry, excused himself from a pretended terror of her wit. At parting, she requested his prayers, but he protested she was the object of his devotion; and accordingly, instead of praying, composed the song which he called *Carolan's Devotion*. (4)

Carolan, unhappily for his health and character, was immoderately given to whiskey, and always treated his Muse with a glass when he invoked her. Once, at the earnest remonstrance of his medical friends, he refrained six weeks from his favourite liquor, during which his usual gaiety and genius forsook him. At length, unable to contain any longer, he procured a glass of it to smell to. Immediately as the fumes reached his head, his countenance brightened—his vivacity rekindled—and he could no longer resist the bewitching draught. Before morning he composed the charming song of *Carolan's Receipt*. (5)

As to treat the Bard was a certain method of inspiring his Muse; so to deny the exhilarating draught was equally sure to arrest his future. One O'Flynn, the careful butler of a certain paragoness lady, whom he then visited, once refusing him admittance to his cellar, procured himself a severe epigram, of which the following is a translation:

"What pity Hell's gates are not kept by O'Flynn!  
"So surely a dog would let nobody in."

The ancient Bards, we have observed, often pretended to prophecy; and that our Bard might not be thought inferior to any of them, the following story is related of him:—Having often tried to compose a *plangy* for a Miss Brent, of the county of Sligo, but never to his satisfaction, he one day threw away his harp, with this declaration to her mother:—"Some evil Genius (said he) hovers over me; there is not a string in my harp that does not vibrate a melancholy sound—I fear she is not doomed to remain long amongst us: Nay, (said he, emphatically) she will not survive twelve months."—The event is said

(4) No. VII.

(5) No. CVII.

(6) No. III. in the following Collection.

to have verified the prediction; but what inferences are to be drawn from this and similar narrations, must be left to the cool investigation of philosophy.

It is reported, that when Geminiani was at Dublin, he had the curiosity to try the genius of Carolan, by procuring a piece of Italian Music to be played to him, excellent in itself, but purposely vitiated in certain places. Carolan was delighted with the Music; but much to the surprise of the hearers, discovered, and even relished its defects.

At another time, it is said, meeting with a musician of some eminence at the house of an Irish nobleman, he challenged him to a trial of skill. The musician played Vivaldi's sixth concerto on his violin. This finished, Carolan, with wonderful exactness, repeated it on his harp, though he had never before heard it; and, to increase the surprise of his auditory, added another concerto of his own, extemporary, in which he copied the taste of the Italian composer, in a manner quite astonishing.

It has been observed above, that Carolan was a Roman Catholic, and it should be added, that he composed several pieces of Sacred Music, which, with great devotion, he performed in the public service, to the edification of the congregation.

In the year 1733, Carolan lost his beloved Mary Maguire, who had lived faithfully in obscure retirement with her children, while our Irish Orpheus traversed the country. This event threw a gloom upon his mind, and is thought to have hastened his death, which happened in March 1738, at the house of Mrs. Mac Dermot, of Alderford. Dr. Goldsmith relates, (upon what authority is uncertain) that even in the article of death he called for a draught of his beloved liquor, which being brought at his earnest importunity, he was not able to swallow; but returned it with this unfeasible jest, that it would be hard indeed for two such friends as he and his cup to part without kissing; and then expired. (1)

Carolan was buried in the church-yard of Kiltoran, in the diocese

(1) Goldsmith's Life of Carolan, European Mag. for October, 1785.

of Ardagh, where his skull was lately observed rudely festured among the spoils of death, and distinguished from the vulgar multitude by a ribbon appended thereto.—A circumstance this, which would have animated the genius of a Yorick to the highest pitch of elegant enthusiasm.

Our Bard was lamented in an humble Elegy, written by his facetious friend and companion, Charles Mac Cabe; but which has no merit to excite the Reader's curiosity.

Carolan left six daughters and a son; the latter taught the Irish harp, and published a collection of his father's pieces; the most favourite of which, with several others therein omitted, will be found in the following Collection, to the number of more than thirty.

The public opinion of Carolan's merit, and the esteem in which he is held by the most eminent Professors, may be inferred from the insertion of so many of his pieces in our modern operas and entertainments.

Before we conclude this Essay, the Reader may expect some information as to the other airs which form this Collection. Many of them indeed are well known, and have long been favourites with the public; but of some others, there are a few particulars too curious to be withheld.

The *Damp*, or Melancholy Tune, No. II. is said to have been sung by the Irish women on the field of battle, after a terrible slaughter made by Cromwell's troops, in Ireland.—No. LIV. was composed in the reign of Henry VIII. the original words being in honour of the ancient Irish deities.—No. XCI. is commonly sung by the Irish Rustics, at the plough.—No. IX. XXIX. and several others, are remarkable for their high antiquity, as well as beautiful simplicity.

It need only be added, that great pains have been taken to make the tunes as familiar and pleasing as circumstances would admit. Several of the airs have never appeared with any accompaniment before, and many of them would not admit a strict conformity to modern rules. This may be proper to be observed, that the Editor may not be condemned for violating rules which could not be conformed to with propriety; and to which no experienced Musicians would attempt to reduce airs composed before the laws of Harmony were known.

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Carolan.



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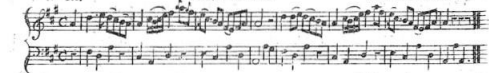
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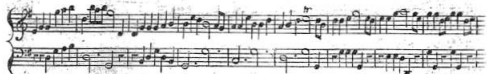
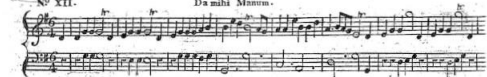
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N<sup>o</sup> XIII.

## Da mihi Manum.

N<sup>o</sup> XIII.

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## Carolan.

N<sup>o</sup> XIV.

## Port Patrick.



Musical score for 'Plangity Connor' and 'The Irish Girl'. The first system consists of two staves (treble and bass clef) in 6/8 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second system also consists of two staves in the same time and key signature. The third system consists of two staves in the same time and key signature. The fourth system consists of two staves in common time (C), with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The title 'The Irish Girl' is written above the first staff of the fourth system, and 'In Refina' is written above the second staff of the fourth system.

Musical score for 'Major Shanly'. The first system consists of two staves (treble and bass clef) in 6/8 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second system consists of two staves in common time (C), with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The title 'Major Shanly' is written above the first staff of the second system. The third system consists of two staves in common time (C), with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The fourth system consists of two staves in common time (C), with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The fifth system consists of two staves in common time (C), with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The sixth system consists of two staves in common time (C), with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The title 'Major Shanly' is written above the first staff of the second system, and 'Carolan' is written above the first staff of the fourth system.

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Ballinamona Oro.

In the Poor Soldier.

Musical score for No XVIII, Ballinamona Oro, In the Poor Soldier. The score is written in two systems, each with two staves (treble and bass clef). The first system is in 6/8 time, and the second system is in 3/4 time.

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Hugar Mu Fean.

Musical score for No XIX, Hugar Mu Fean. The score is written in two systems, each with two staves (treble and bass clef). Both systems are in 3/4 time.

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Toby in Peyton.

Carolan.

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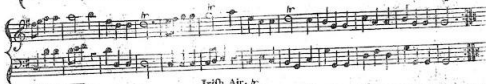
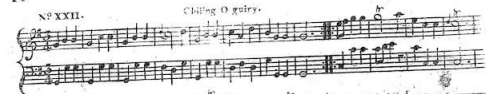
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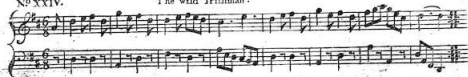
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The wild Irishman.

N<sup>o</sup> XXV.

The Irish Lilt.



N<sup>o</sup> XXVI.

## The Fingalians' Dance.

Musical notation for the first system of 'The Fingalians' Dance', consisting of two staves (treble and bass clef) with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef.

Musical notation for the second system of 'The Fingalians' Dance', continuing the melody and bass line from the first system. It includes some trill ornaments in the treble clef.

N<sup>o</sup> XXVII.

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## In the Duenna.

Musical notation for the first system of 'Gramachree Molly', consisting of two staves (treble and bass clef) with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature. The melody is in the treble clef.

Musical notation for the second system of 'Gramachree Molly', continuing the melody and bass line from the first system.

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Musical notation for the second system of 'The Irish Rag', continuing the melody and bass line from the first system.

N<sup>o</sup> XXIX.

## D'eala Mairi liomfa.

Slow

Musical notation for the first system of 'D'eala Mairi liomfa', consisting of two staves (treble and bass clef) with a key signature of one flat and a 3/4 time signature. The tempo is marked 'Slow'. The melody is in the treble clef.

Musical notation for the second system of 'D'eala Mairi liomfa', continuing the melody and bass line from the first system. It includes dynamic markings 'p' (piano) in the treble clef.

No XXX.

M<sup>rs</sup> Edwards.

Carolan.

Musical score for No. XXX, Mrs. Edwards, Carolan. The score consists of four systems of two staves each. The first system includes dynamic markings 'mf' and 'f'. The music is in a common time signature and features a complex, flowing melody in the upper staff and a more rhythmic accompaniment in the lower staff.

No XXXI.

Dermot.

Musical score for No. XXXI, Dermot. The score consists of three systems of two staves each. The first system includes the marking 'Slow'. The second system is labeled 'No XXXII' and 'Ladies of Dunlo'. The music is in a common time signature and features a complex, flowing melody in the upper staff and a more rhythmic accompaniment in the lower staff.

N<sup>o</sup> XXX.

Dr Delany.

Carolan.

Musical score for No. XXX, Dr Delany's Carolan. It consists of four systems of two staves each. The first system has a treble clef and a common time signature. The second system has a treble clef and a common time signature. The third system has a treble clef and a common time signature. The fourth system has a treble clef and a common time signature. The music is a lively dance piece with many sixteenth notes.

N<sup>o</sup> XXXIV.

Yemon O nock.

Musical score for No. XXXIV, Yemon O nock. It consists of four systems of two staves each. The first system has a treble clef and a 5/4 time signature. The second system has a treble clef and a 5/4 time signature. The third system has a treble clef and a 5/4 time signature. The fourth system has a treble clef and a 5/4 time signature. The music is a slow dance piece with many eighth notes.

N<sup>o</sup> XXX.

Drimen Duff.

Musical score for No. XXX, Drimen Duff. It consists of four systems of two staves each. The first system has a treble clef and a 3/4 time signature. The second system has a treble clef and a 3/4 time signature. The third system has a treble clef and a 3/4 time signature. The fourth system has a treble clef and a 3/4 time signature. The music is a slow dance piece with many eighth notes.

Nº XXXVI.

M<sup>rs</sup> Dermot Roe.

Carolan.

Musical score for No. XXXVI, Mrs Dermot Roe Carolan. It consists of two systems of two staves each, with treble and bass clefs. The music is in 6/8 time and features a complex melody with many sixteenth notes and some triplets.

Nº XXXVII.

Lary Grogan.

Musical score for No. XXXVII, Lary Grogan. It consists of two systems of two staves each, with treble and bass clefs. The music is in 6/8 time and features a complex melody with many sixteenth notes and some triplets.

Nº XXXVIII.

Irish Air.

In Robin Hood.

Musical score for No. XXXVIII, Irish Air In Robin Hood. It consists of two systems of two staves each, with treble and bass clefs. The music is in 6/8 time and features a complex melody with many sixteenth notes and some triplets.



Nº XXXIX.

O Connor.

Carolan.

First system of musical notation for 'O Connor', featuring a treble and bass staff with a 6/8 time signature and a key signature of one flat.

Second system of musical notation for 'O Connor', continuing the melody and accompaniment.

Third system of musical notation for 'O Connor', concluding the piece with a repeat sign.

Nº XL.

Irish Air

In Love in a Camp.

First system of musical notation for 'Irish Air', featuring a treble and bass staff with a 6/8 time signature and a key signature of one flat.

Second system of musical notation for 'Irish Air', concluding the piece with a repeat sign.

First system of musical notation for 'Shambuy', featuring a treble and bass staff with a 6/8 time signature and a key signature of one flat.

Second system of musical notation for 'Shambuy', continuing the melody and accompaniment.

Nº XLI.

Shambuy.

First system of musical notation for 'Shambuy', featuring a treble and bass staff with a 6/8 time signature and a key signature of one flat.

Second system of musical notation for 'Shambuy', concluding the piece with a repeat sign.

N<sup>o</sup> XLII.

Largo Lee.

Musical score for 'Largo Lee' (No. XLII). The piece is in 6/8 time and consists of two systems of two staves each. The first system shows the beginning of the piece with a treble and bass clef. The second system concludes the piece with a double bar line.

N<sup>o</sup> XLIII.

Irish Air

In Love in a Camp.

Musical score for 'In Love in a Camp' (No. XLIII). The piece is in 6/8 time and consists of two systems of two staves each. The first system shows the beginning of the piece with a treble and bass clef. The second system concludes the piece with a double bar line.

N<sup>o</sup> XLIV.

Maurice O'Connor.

Carolan.

Musical score for 'Maurice O'Connor' (No. XLIV). The piece is in 6/8 time and consists of four systems of two staves each. The first system shows the beginning of the piece with a treble and bass clef. The second system continues the melody. The third system features a more complex melodic line. The fourth system concludes the piece with a double bar line.

## Irish Mad Song.

Slow

Musical score for 'Irish Mad Song' in 6/8 time, featuring a treble and bass staff. The tempo is marked 'Slow'. The melody is characterized by a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some triplet figures. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with eighth notes.

## Paddy Whack.

Musical score for 'Paddy Whack' in 6/8 time, featuring a treble and bass staff. The melody is more rhythmic and lively than the previous piece, with frequent eighth and sixteenth notes. The bass line follows a similar pattern to the first piece.

## Irish Blanket.

Musical score for 'Irish Blanket' in 6/8 time, featuring a treble and bass staff. The melody is a simple, rhythmic tune with a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes. The bass line is a steady accompaniment.

## Patrick Kelly.

## Carolan.

Musical score for 'Patrick Kelly' and 'Carolan' in 6/8 time, featuring a treble and bass staff. The melody is a simple, rhythmic tune with a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes. The bass line is a steady accompaniment.

Musical score for Molly St George, N<sup>o</sup> XLIX. The score is arranged in three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system is in 5/4 time, the second in 4/4, and the third in 5/4. The music features various ornaments and dynamics.

Musical score for I am sleeping, N<sup>o</sup> L. The score is arranged in two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system is in 5/4 time, and the second in 4/4. The music features various ornaments and dynamics.

Musical score for Bumpers Squire Jones, N<sup>o</sup> LI. The score is arranged in three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system is in 4/4 time, the second in 6/8, and the third in 4/4. The music features various ornaments and dynamics.

N<sup>o</sup> I.II.

St Patrick's Day.

In Love in a Village.

N<sup>o</sup> I.III.

Chilling a Gig.

N<sup>o</sup> I.IV.

Cousin.

N<sup>o</sup> I.V.

John Kelly.

Carolan.



## Curri Koun Diligh.

Musical score for 'Curri Koun Diligh', consisting of five systems of two staves each. The first system is in 3/4 time and features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a bass clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody in the treble clef includes a trill (tr) and a fermata. The second system continues the melody with a trill. The third system features a more complex melodic line with many sixteenth notes. The fourth system continues with similar rhythmic patterns. The fifth system concludes the piece with a final cadence.

Musical score for 'Mad<sup>m</sup> Maxwell' and 'Carolan', consisting of five systems of two staves each. The first system is in 3/4 time and features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a bass clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The second system is in common time (C) and features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a bass clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The third system continues the melody in common time. The fourth system features a more complex melodic line with many sixteenth notes. The fifth system concludes the piece with a final cadence.

Musical score for David Poer's Carolan, No. LVIII. The score consists of five systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The music is in 3/4 time and features a complex, flowing melody in the treble clef with many sixteenth and thirty-second notes, and a simpler accompaniment in the bass clef. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Musical score for Sheen sheeth igus Soule lum, No. LIX. The score consists of three systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The music is in 3/4 time and features a complex, flowing melody in the treble clef with many sixteenth and thirty-second notes, and a simpler accompaniment in the bass clef. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Musical score for Irish Air, No. LX. The score consists of two systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The music is in 3/4 time and features a complex, flowing melody in the treble clef with many sixteenth and thirty-second notes, and a simpler accompaniment in the bass clef. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## The Rakes of Westmeath.



## Speic Seach.



## Stant Ri Pflib.





Musical score for 'The Dangling of the Irish Bears'. The piece is in 3/4 time and consists of six systems of two staves each. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some triplet patterns. There are several trills and grace notes throughout the piece.

Slow

Musical score for 'Lord Galloway's Lamentation'. The piece is in 3/4 time and consists of six systems of two staves each. The tempo is marked 'Slow'. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some triplet patterns. There are several trills and grace notes throughout the piece. The piece ends with a double bar line.

No LXVI.

Irish Air

In the Poor Soldier.



No LXVII.

Charles O'Connor

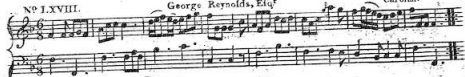
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No LXVIII.

George Reynolds, Esq

Carolan.



No LXIX.

Sarsfield's Lamentation.

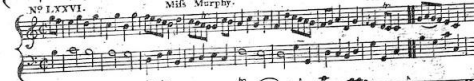
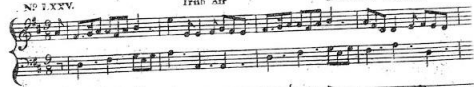
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Musical score for No. LXX, Mrs Waller's Carolan. It consists of four systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The music is in 3/4 time and features a complex, flowing melody in the treble clef with a steady accompaniment in the bass clef.

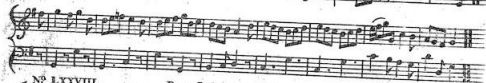
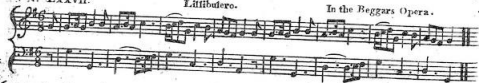
Musical score for No. LXXI, The general Toast. It consists of two systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The music is in 6/8 time and features a lively melody in the treble clef with a simple accompaniment in the bass clef.

Musical score for No. LXXII, Irish Air. It consists of two systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The music is in 6/8 time and features a lively melody in the treble clef with a simple accompaniment in the bass clef.

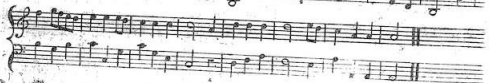


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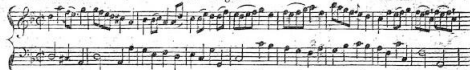


Dear Catholic Brother.



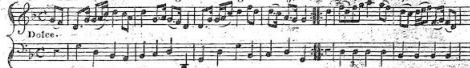
Miss Nugent.

Carolan.



Tiagharna Mhaighé-co.

Thady Keenan.



Mrs Poer.

Carolan.

Musical score for Mrs Poer's Carolan, page 50. The score consists of five systems of two staves each. The first system is marked with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The music is written in a single melodic line on the upper staff, with a bass line on the lower staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Carolan's Maggot.

Musical score for Carolan's Maggot, page 51. The score consists of three systems of two staves each. The first system is marked with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The music is written in a single melodic line on the upper staff, with a bass line on the lower staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Musical score for The Major, page 51. The score consists of one system of two staves. The first system is marked with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The music is written in a single melodic line on the upper staff, with a bass line on the lower staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Irish Cry.

Slow

Jigg

No. LXXXVI.

Irish Dump.

Musical score for 'Lostrum Ponia'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 2/2 time signature, and a bass clef staff. The melody in the treble clef is characterized by a series of eighth notes and quarter notes, with some triplet-like patterns. The bass clef provides a simple harmonic accompaniment with quarter and eighth notes.

Musical score for 'Conafellor Dillon'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/8 time signature, and a bass clef staff. The melody in the treble clef is more rhythmic and features many eighth notes. The bass clef accompaniment consists of quarter notes and eighth notes.

Musical score for 'The high road to Dublin'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 6/8 time signature, and a bass clef staff. The melody in the treble clef is lively and features many eighth notes. The bass clef accompaniment consists of quarter notes and eighth notes.

Musical score for 'The Irish Widow'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 6/8 time signature, and a bass clef staff. The melody in the treble clef is lively and features many eighth notes. The bass clef accompaniment consists of quarter notes and eighth notes.



## The Plough Tune.

Musical score for 'The Plough Tune' and 'Yogh hone O hone'. The score is written in two systems. The first system contains three staves (treble, alto, and bass clefs) for 'The Plough Tune'. The second system contains two staves (treble and bass clefs) for 'Yogh hone O hone'. The music is in 2/4 time and features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes.

## Yogh hone O hone.

Musical score for 'Yogh hone O hone'. The score is written in two systems. The first system contains two staves (treble and bass clefs). The second system contains two staves (treble and bass clefs). The music is in 2/4 time and features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes.

Nº XCIV.

Dr O Connor.

Carolan.

A musical score for 'Dr O Connor' by Carolan, consisting of six systems of two staves each. The music is written in treble and bass clefs with a 6/8 time signature. The melody is characterized by frequent sixteenth-note patterns and triplet rhythms. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Nº XCV.

Ms Donogh's Lamentation.

A musical score for 'Ms Donogh's Lamentation', consisting of six systems of two staves each. The music is written in treble and bass clefs with a 6/8 time signature. The melody features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some triplet figures. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

6P

N<sup>o</sup> XCVI.

Lady Dillon.

Carolan.

Musical score for No. XCVI, Lady Dillon, Carolan. The score consists of four systems of two staves each. The first system has a treble clef and a common time signature. The second system has a treble clef and a common time signature. The third system has a treble clef and a common time signature. The fourth system has a treble clef and a common time signature. The music is written in a style typical of 18th-century manuscript notation.

N<sup>o</sup> XCVII.

Lord Louth.

Carolan.

Musical score for No. XCVII, Lord Louth, Carolan. The score consists of four systems of two staves each. The first system has a treble clef and a common time signature. The second system has a treble clef and a common time signature. The third system has a treble clef and a common time signature. The fourth system has a treble clef and a common time signature. The music is written in a style typical of 18th-century manuscript notation.

N<sup>o</sup> XCIX.      Limbrick's Lamentation.

N<sup>o</sup> C.      Planghty Bourk.      Carolan.

Musical score for page 64, featuring two systems of music. The first system is labeled "Mrs Harwood" and the second "Carolan". Each system consists of a treble and bass staff with a 6/8 time signature. The music is a single melodic line with a simple harmonic accompaniment.

Musical score for page 65, first system. Labeled "The Black Joke." It consists of a treble and bass staff with a 6/8 time signature. The music is a single melodic line with a simple harmonic accompaniment.

Musical score for page 65, second system. It consists of a treble and bass staff with a 6/8 time signature. The music is a single melodic line with a simple harmonic accompaniment.

Musical score for page 65, third system. Labeled "Irish Air" and "In the Poor Soldier." It consists of a treble and bass staff with a 6/8 time signature. The music is a single melodic line with a simple harmonic accompaniment.

Musical score for page 65, fourth system. It consists of a treble and bass staff with a 6/8 time signature. The music is a single melodic line with a simple harmonic accompaniment.

## Ancient War Cry.

Musical score for 'Ancient War Cry' (N<sup>o</sup> CIV). The piece is written for two staves (treble and bass clef) in a 2/4 time signature. It features a melody with several trills and triplets. The notation includes various ornaments and rhythmic markings.

## Irish Air

## In the Poor Soldier.

Musical score for 'Irish Air' (N<sup>o</sup> CV) and 'In the Poor Soldier'. The piece is written for two staves (treble and bass clef) in a 2/4 time signature. It features a melody with a trill and a triplet. The notation includes various ornaments and rhythmic markings.

Musical score for 'Ally Croaker' (N<sup>o</sup> CVI). The piece is written for two staves (treble and bass clef) in a 2/4 time signature. It features a melody with a trill and a triplet. The notation includes various ornaments and rhythmic markings.

## Ally Croaker.

Musical score for 'Ally Croaker' (N<sup>o</sup> CVI). The piece is written for two staves (treble and bass clef) in a 2/4 time signature. It features a melody with a trill and a triplet. The notation includes various ornaments and rhythmic markings.

A handwritten musical score for a piece titled "Carolan's Devotion". The score is arranged in four systems, each consisting of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The music is written in a style characteristic of 18th-century manuscript notation, featuring a variety of note values including minims, crotchets, and quavers, as well as rests and bar lines. The notation is clear and legible, with some decorative flourishes in the treble clef staves. The paper shows signs of age, with some staining and wear, particularly along the left edge.